

## SAYS 'PULLS' MADE MANY U. S. OFFICERS

Johnson (S. D.) Asks Inquiry  
Into Politics That Controlled  
Soft Berths.

## ROOSEVELT NOTE CITED

Athletic Trench Evaders Kept  
Out Real Chemists—Gen.  
Wood's Case Referred To.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—The charge that political "pulls" were responsible for the commissioning of many officers in the Army and Navy, particularly in non-combatant branches, Representative Johnson (S. D.), himself a Lieutenant in the American Expeditionary Force after working up from the ranks, asked today for a complete Congressional investigation of all appointments of officers during the war. He sought this in a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of three House members to conduct the inquiry.

Mr. Johnson, in a statement accompanying his resolution, said:  
"Documentary evidence exists that tends to substantiate charges that political influences entered into the organization of the fighting forces and that duly qualified commissioned officers were deprived of their rights as American citizens to serve in the Army on account of objections from influential citizens and Government officials."

The Representative said it was probable that the committee, if appointed, would inquire as to why Major-General Leonard Wood was suddenly prevented from accompanying the Eighty-ninth Division to France.

## Refers to Roosevelt's Letter.

Mr. Johnson referred also to a letter of ex-President Roosevelt asking that the commissioning of officers be investigated. He mentioned the Chemical Warfare Service, the Quartermaster Corps and the Judge Advocate General's Department as branches that were full of officers who desired to evade the trenches. "I have introduced this resolution," Mr. Johnson said, "because charges have repeatedly been made that political influences entered into the appointment of officers of the United States Army, particularly in the Judge Advocate General's office and the Chemical Warfare Service. Charges have been made also that political influences have been made in the Quartermaster General's Department, and it is charged that isolated cases have occurred even in the combat units."

"Some of the cases which I have in mind have been brought before the public before and in at least one case I have the original letter of the Theodore Roosevelt, who stated: 'I have never known anything that quite paralleled this case, and I trust that the same matters will be brought out by Congressional investigation.'"

## Field Day for Sport Experts.

"In the chemical warfare service all of the baseball players, football coaches, polo players, golf experts, male runners, painters, architects, brain specialists, merchants, fencers and clubmen received high commissions, while the real chemists were fortunate if they could become sergeants."

"In the Judge Advocate General's Department no one could be even considered for a commission unless he had obtained the indorsement of a United States Senator. I can concede that these indorsements should receive due weight, but such an indorsement should not have been the only consideration for an appointment as Major in the Army."

"So many of these appointments were made at the time when the draft was being raised to 45 years that it seems barely possible that some men who rushed to the rescue of their country had not overlooked the fact that they might have been drafted. At least a thorough investigation will clarify the atmosphere and give the public the facts."



To the New Yorker who appreciates the niceties of correct grooming nothing is more objectionable than a "clever" style.

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## SOFT AND SAFE JOB IN NAVY COSTS \$3,900

One Witness Says He Paid  
Only \$500 Under Threats.

Louis Markowitz, a Manhattan jeweler, was again prominently mentioned in the testimony at the court-martial of Lieut.-Commander Marsden at the New York navy yard yesterday. Philip Horwitz, a manufacturer, of 73 West 133rd street, said he paid \$3,900 to Markowitz for enlistment in a soft berth in the navy and later gave to him a present that cost \$900. The day before he first appeared at the court-martial Horwitz said Markowitz sent him a bracelet studded with diamonds. Another witness, Lawrence Baron of 350 West Eighty-fifth street, said he was enrolled either August 28 or 29, but the papers were dated August 1, when enlistments were ordered to stop. He was introduced to Lieut. Elliot in the naval reserves enrolling office by Markowitz, he said. He received a medical examination, failed to qualify and had another conference with Markowitz. Then he said, Markowitz demanded \$500, threatening if the money was not paid, to "make it hot" for a brother of Baron serving in the navy. Baron said he paid the \$500 and added \$50 for the physician who examined him.

Mayor Hylan sent a letter yesterday to David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, calling attention to the testimony being taken at the naval court inquiry and asking for an investigation of the report that Louis Markowitz had sold about \$1,400 worth of badges to the Police Department as part of the necessary equipment. He said he understood that all the badges sold to the department were under contract with the Police Department and that Commissioner Hirschfeld to look into the matter at once and make an early report.

## STIMSON FOR U. S. BUDGET.

But Charges as to Any Self-Denying  
Ordinances.

The National Budget Committee finds the budget bill reported out of the House committee gratifying to the efforts that have been put forth in its behalf, but is inclined to watch the next developments with close eyes. Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War, said the principle of formulating a budget had apparently been recognized, but he was anxious to know what self-denying ordinance on the part of Congress has been recommended in order to prevent the introduction of items into the budget in either House which have not been recommended by the Executive and which have local importance to the Representatives and Senators.

## POLICE WILL JOIN LEGION.

Many in Department Wear Decorations  
for War Service.

The service men of the Police Department are to form their own branch of the American Legion. A call has been issued to all 1,500 of them for a meeting Monday at 8 P. M. in the assembly room at Police Headquarters to organize. Police Lieut. John J. Noonan is the chief mover. He qualifies as a member of the American Legion by having been a First Lieutenant in command of military police in this city during the war.

## BERLIN AIR SERVICE STARTS.

Zeppelins to Operate Regularly to  
Stockholm.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 8 (delayed).—Zeppelin airship service between here and Berlin was opened today by the German Aircraft Company. The airship Bodensee left Berlin at 5 A. M. and reached here at 12:30 P. M.

The company promises a regular bi-weekly service, the fare being fixed at 400 kroner a passenger. Twenty-five passengers can be accommodated on each trip.

G. B. Perry Heads Bankers Institute.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 9.—Gardner B. Perry of Albany was elected president of the American Institute of Banking at the closing session here today of the seventeenth annual convention, and Boston was selected for the convention in 1920.

## CANADIAN CABINET FIRM FOR POLICIES

Foster Declares Government  
Will Insist on Temperance  
and Railway Features.

## ARBITRATION IS PLANNED

Grand Trunk Negotiations at  
Stage Where Parliament May  
Be Asked for Power.

By a Staff Correspondent to THE SUN.  
OTTAWA, Oct. 9.—The acting Prime Minister, Sir George Foster, told a caucus of Government supporters today that the Government will adhere firmly to the temperance and railway features of policy. Critics urge that, seeing the Senate has shouldered the responsibility of the House for the last two sessions, it is now the duty of the popular chamber to carry its own burden of duty and tell the people plainly the truth of the matter on prohibition, that there is a limit beyond which it is not just or expedient for Parliament to go. But the die is cast and the Ministry will push the bills on to the Senate, providing full power for the provinces to become bidders on their own volition.

In the caucus Sir George Foster sought expressions of opinion of the members on arbitration of the Grand Trunk deal. His plan was for each side to name an arbitrator, they to choose a third, or in the event of failing to do so, have the third named by two Exchequer or Supreme Court Judges.

Later it became known that the Government and Grand Trunk negotiations have advanced to the stage where the Government is considering arbitration and will introduce a bill to enable the Government to act. The Grand Trunk negotiators, Sir Alfred Smithers and President Howard Kelly, have 150,000 shareholders and investors to consider and are careful on details.

## Bill Would Give Power.

A bill was introduced today to amend the exchequer court act so that the court will have power to wind up the affairs of controlling companies and trusts and not be required to treat each several subsidiary company as separate. This is believed to be making preparation for any event that may transpire in connection with the Grand Trunk Railway system.

## JOHN F. STEVENS GETS D. S. C.

Gen. Graves Honors U. S. Staff  
Commissioner in Siberia.

By the Associated Press.  
VLADIVOSTOK, Sept. 25 (delayed).—Major-General William S. Graves, commander of American forces in Siberia, decorated today John F. Stevens, head of the American Railway Commission to Russia, with the Distinguished Service Medal.

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